

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**I. Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 1, the Line numbered 13, and ending on Page 2, Line 17, with the following amended paragraph:**

A conventional connecting assembly of a ceiling fan for fixing the blades in accordance with the prior art shown in Figs. 9, ~~and 10~~ and 11 comprises a seat (7) adapted to be connected to a motor (not shown) that is received in a casing (6). The seat (7) includes at least three channels (71) radially defined in the outer periphery of the seat (7) and equally divided the outer periphery into at least three sections. A recess (70) is defined in a bottom of the seat (7) and at least three through holes (710) is defined in a bottom of the recess (70). Each through hole (710) communicates with a corresponding one of the at least three channels (71) in the seat (7). Each channel (71) has a bracket (8) partially radially inserted into the seat (7) and detachably received in the seat (7). The bracket (8) is adapted to connect to a blade (81). At least three snappers (72) each is movably received in a corresponding one of the at least three through holes (710) and extends into a corresponding one of the at least three channels (71) in the seat (7) to selectively hold the bracket (8) in place. The moving direction of the snapper (72) is parallel

to an axis of the seat (7). A rod (74) downward extends from the snapper (72) and through a spring (73). A plate (75) is received in the recess (70) and held in place by multiple bolts (750) that are screwed into the bottom of the recess (70). The plate (75) is mounted apart from the bottom of the recess (70) such that the spring (73) is compressively received between the snapper (72) and the plate (75). A button (76) is secured on a free end of the rod (74) after the rod extending through the plate (75). Consequently, the snapper (72) is detached from the bracket (8) when the user downward pulls the button (75) and then the bracket (8) can be detached from the seat (7). The spring (73) provides a restitution force to the snapper (72) when the snapper is downward pulled.

**II. Please replace the two consecutive paragraphs beginning on Page 9, Line 3, and ending on Page 10, line 2, with the following amended paragraphs:**

With reference to Fig. 7, the groove (321) and the channel (322) are adjacent to each other so that the height of the seat (32) is reduced and the seat (32) can be partially received in a casing (1) of the ceiling fan under the motor (2) to prevent the connecting assembly excessively raised relative to the casing

(1) of the ceiling fan. The elongated arm (41) and the buckle (33) are adjacent to each other when the elongated arm (41) is inserted into and secured in the seat (32) because the groove (321) and the channel (322) are defined and adjacent to each other. Consequently, the elongated arm (41) does not ~~previously~~ provide a height to allow the buckle (33) reciprocally moved therein such that a height of the elongated arm (41) is reduced. As described above, the heights of the seat (32) and the elongated arm (41) are reduced such the difference between the connecting device (3) and the casing (1) of the ceiling fan is reduced to provide a harmony and complete vision effect.

With reference to Figs. 7 and 8, the rod (332) and the buckle (33) is upwardly moved when assembling/detaching the bracket (4) such that the user can conveniently operate the connecting assembly of the present invention even when a switch device (11) is mounted under the connecting device (3). Furthermore, the rails (323), the stopper (324) in the groove (321), and the notches (411) and the cutout (412) in the bracket (4) can guide the elongated arm (41) into and positioned in the seat (3) and provide a good connection between the seat (3) and the bracket (4).